

By Telegraph 5.00 O'CLOCK.

FIGHTING

To Nominate at the Populistic Convention this Afternoon. Middle Road Men Furious.

A CROSS REVEILED.

A CONTINUAL STRIFE AND TURMOIL. DISGRACEFUL SCENES OF BLASPHEMOUS DEMONSTRATION AND TALK MARK THE CLOSING DAY OF THIS CONVENTION.

(Special Dispatch to the Transcript.)

By LOCUS, July 25.—There was much confusion on the floor of the auditorium before the convention met today. The delegates stood about in animated groups discussing what was best to do. The Bryan feeling was strong but the telegram declaring he would not accept the nomination rendered the situation chaotic.

An Early Start.

Cyclone Davis and others however, insisted that Bryan could not refuse and if he did the responsibility for disaster at polls would rest on the Democrats and not the Populists. Senator Allen called the convention to order at 9.35.

After the invocation a Connecticut delegate arose and protested against any further display of oratory with the statement that it was time to get down to business which was loudly applauded. The chairman announced the selection of members of the national committee and the notification committee.

The Brass Band Blown Out.

There was no music, the sergeant-at-arms said, the contract with the musicians had expired. "Good," he yelled, "the weary delegates, 'Glad of it.' The chairman called for nominations for President.

Presenting Names.

Judge Greene of Nebraska took the stage to nominate Bryan. He had not named the candidate however before a Texas delegate interrupted on the point of order that the states must be called alphabetically for nominations. The chairman sustained the point.

Green was driven off the stage by the ruling but the convention resented it and on motion of an Arkansas delegate the rule was suspended. Green was recalled but did not place Bryan in nomination, however, General Weaver doing so formally.

Bedlam Let Loose Over Bryan.

Weaver in opening his remarks asked the convention not to applaud and the delegates listened quietly. But when he concluded naming Bryan the convention broke loose. Delegates jumped upon chairs and waved flags, hankkerchiefs, coats and hats in wild confusion. A big crayon portrait of the Nebraska statesman was carried into the hall and down one of the side aisles.

A Blasphemous Scene.

Four men carried a big yellow cross surmounted with a crown of thorns. On it were the words with which Bryan closed his Chicago speech. "You shall not place a crown of thorns upon the brow of labor; you shall not crucify mankind on a cross of gold."

Banners and state guidons led by the cross were borne upon the platform where they were danced for five minutes to the delegates' delight. While the demonstration was at its height a thousand copies of the "Bryan Silver March" were flung into the air and fell in clouds upon the frantic delegates.

When quiet had been restored after seventeen minutes of bedlam, General Field of Virginia, General Weaver's running mate in 1892, bubbled forward on crutches and moved to suspend the rules and make Bryan's nomination unanimous. The convention rose almost en-masse, but above the cheers came the sharp cry of the Texas men, "No."

At Texas Cyclone.

Allen declared the motion carried. Protests were made and the chairman decided to allow the call of states. Delegate Schilling of Wisconsin attempted to secure a recess until Bryan could be heard from but was howled down. The scene at this time was wild beyond description. The Texas delegation charged upon the platform shouting "We will never be quiet if you continue the roll call."

Finally when a semblance of quiet had been restored Congressman Howard protested against the law from the stage.

The chairman stated the question to be on the motion to suspend the rules and nominate Bryan by acclamation. He said delegates could vote on the call for any one they wished to. This provoked another storm of protests and a wild scene of turmoil and confusion was again started.

Bryan Favored.

Cator of California seconded Bryan's nomination. Tracey of Texas asked Cator for a question the latter declined to respond and was greeted with cries "Gag Law." Delegate Hines of Georgia expressed the opinion that Bryan would accept the nomination on the Populists platform and predicted a glorious victory for Bryan and Watson.

Claggett of Idaho seconded Bryan and said the election of McKinley meant the continuance of Shylocks' rule, it would increase the standing army and end in bloody revolution. Taubeneck said in case Bryan was nominated he felt he could pledge every Populist vote in Illinois. The chairman of the Indiana delegation seconded Bryan.

A Woman Makes the Speech of the Convention. Calamity Weller for Iowa protested against fusion with the Democrats. Jerry Simpson seconded Bryan for Kansas. Louisiana yielded to Colorado and Mrs. Minerva Roberts took the platform and made the most eloquent speech of the convention seconding Bryan.

When she finished the convention rose and cheered and delegates besieged her on all sides with congratulations. Call of New York spoke in place of Maine. He opposed what he termed the marriage of Populists and Democracy. Call closed placing Colonel Norton of Illinois in nomination. He eulogized Norton as a philanthropist, a man of the people and a pioneer in the cause of reform.

Unpleasant Wind.

Maryland seconded Bryan declaring the state's vote was pledged for the "Only man nominated by the people of the United States in half a century."

Delegate Brown of Massachusetts declared that the issue in the coming campaign was whether to vote for "Bryan and silver or McKinley, hell and damnation." Michigan followed for Bryan. Bryan likely to be nominated before six o'clock.

FINANCIAL.

(Special Dispatch to the Transcript.)

Bank Statement. Reserves, decrease \$3,273,477; Loans, decrease \$5,501,000; Specific, decrease \$6,102,100; Total, decrease \$9,876,577. Deposits, decrease \$12,482,900; Circulation, increase \$77,900.

New York Market.

(Closing Quotations, p. m.) Received at the office of M. T. Baker, Room 3, Exchange block. Receipts orders for stocks and bonds, deals upon New York Stock Exchange for cash or on margin. Private telegrams.

American Cotton Oil	9
American Sugar	10 1/2
Amalgam	12
Amalgam	12 1/2
Canada Southern	45
Central of New Jersey	91 1/4
Chesapeake & Ohio	10 1/4
Hocking Valley	85
Chicago & North Western	85 1/2
C. & N. W.	85 1/2
Chicago Great West	24
St. Paul	24 1/2
Rock Island	58 1/2
Chicago & St. L.	21 1/2
Con. Gas	16
Del. & D.	12 1/2
Del. & L. W.	12 1/2
Del. & C. Food	10 1/2
Gen. Elec.	29 3/4
Ill. Cen.	14 1/2
Lake Shore	14 1/2
N. Y. & N. H.	9 1/2
Manhattan Elevated	91 1/2
M. & E. T. Pref.	20
Missouri Pacific	18 1/2
National Lead	29 1/2
New England	13 1/2
N. Y. Central	13 1/2
Ont. & West.	13 1/2
N. Y. & N. H. pref.	18 1/2
No. Pacific pref.	19 1/2
Pacific Mail	11 1/2
Phil. Reading	11 1/2
Pullman	27 1/2
Southern Ry.	21
Ten. Coal & Iron	11 1/2
Union Pacific	6 1/2
U. S. Rubber	43 1/2
U. S. Leather common	30 1/2
Western Union	30 1/2
Wheeling & Lake Erie	7 1/2

Chicago Markets. Wheat—Dec. 69 1/2; Sept. 20 1/2; Oct. 20 1/2; Corn—Oct. 20 1/2; Sept. 17 1/2; Pork—Jan. 4 1/2; Lard—Jan. 3 1/2; Cotton—Sept. 3 1/2; Opening 6.35; Closing 6.35.

Morning News Will be Found on Page Four of this Paper.

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By Telegraph 4.00 O'CLOCK.

CENSURED

Rhodes, the Cape Colony Premier Severely Criticized by the Report of

THE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY.

IT IS FOUND THAT THE BRITISH SOUTH AFRICA COMPANY THROUGH RHODES FURNISHED MONEY FOR THE RAID AT JOHANNESBURG.

(Special Dispatch to the Transcript.)

DESVRE, Col., July 25.—Up to this morning the number of lives known to have been lost in the great floods which swept the towns of Morrison and Golden in the Foot hills near Denver last night had reached twenty-five, with another person fatally injured.

Many who perished at Morrison were campers in Bear Creek Canon. There were many more campers in that vicinity and it is feared the loss of life will prove much greater than is now known.

Some reports say that when Bear Creek is explored it will be found that no less than 50 have perished.

LOCAL NEWS.

THE DRURY FENCE.

The Trustees are Expected to Find the Boundary Lines.

The regular meeting of the school board was held Friday evening and the repairs which have been made and those yet to be made were considered in detail. The much needed fence for the Drury grounds was a matter which was considered at some length and the discussion ended by the selection of a committee which will confer with the trustees of Drury in regard to the establishment of the exact boundary line.

A fence is most essential and the board wishes to have it built as soon as possible, yet it is not considered a wise plan to build it on the lines of the old fence, which it has been learned, did not mark the true boundary. The trustees will be asked to locate the lines and then the fence will be placed in position by the school board. It is now thought that a woven wire fence will be more suitable than a wooden fence.

The Armenian Arrested.

At the conclusion of the hearing this morning in the case of Napoleon Bascomb for disturbing the peace, Special Officer Roberts arrested Namsel George, the Armenian fruit dealer, who keeps a store on Union street.

A row occurred in his store Monday night, in which Exras Fountain received a bad cut on his leg. The case occupied most of the morning session and was ended by Bascomb being discharged. Fountain claimed that George was the one who cut him with an axe, and the arrest was made. George obtained bail.

Special Meeting of Council.

A special meeting of the city council is called for Monday morning at 10.30 o'clock to see whether money shall be transferred from the reservoir fund to the sewer account.

Bryan Wanted at Holyoke.

An attempt will be made by the Democratic city committee to get Bryan to go to Holyoke and speak.

The regular Saturday evening dance will occur at Cole's grove tonight. Sunday afternoon from 3 to 6 there will be the usual sacred concert, with two new songs by Master Fox. A feature of the concert will be a clarinet solo, "Home, Sweet Home," by W. H. McCarthy.

The Baptist Sunday school of Adams and a Sunday school excursion from Housick Falls, N. Y., will visit Cole's grove next Wednesday. One or more Sunday schools from New York state and this city will enjoy a clam bake there Friday.

Miss Majorie Pike of Sumner street, is spending a few weeks at the home of her aunt Mrs. C. F. Reinhardt on Sumner street.

Miss Tree Beeties.

Professor Smith, entomologist of the New Jersey state station, has found that the elm tree beetles are vulnerable to stomach poisons, and he makes his exterminator of the following formula: A pound of paris green or London purple mixed with 160 gallons of water; add a sufficient quantity of stone or shell lime, a pound for each pound of the poison. In order to give better adhesive qualities, add 2 quarts of glucose or thick molasses to every 100 gallons of mixture. When the water and lime have come to the boiling point, put in the poisons. This formula will have no bad effect upon the trees, for the soluble arsenic is neutralized by the lime.

By Telegraph 3.00 O'CLOCK.

FATAL FLOODS

Sweep the Towns of Morrison and Golden near Denver, Colorado.

TWENTY-FIVE LIVES LOST.

MANY OF THE KILLED AND INJURED WERE CAMPING IN A CANON. FEARS THAT MORE HAVE PERISHED THAN HAVE BEEN REPORTED.

(Special Dispatch to the Transcript.)

CAPE TOWN, July 25.—The house of assembly has unanimously adopted the report of the select committee on the subject of the Jameson raid at Johannesburg. The report finds that Cecil Rhodes, who at the time was the premier of Cape Colony, was fully acquainted with the preparations for the raid and that Alfred Beit, director of the British South Africa company, Dr. Jameson, Rutherford and Harris were also directors and active promoters of the raid.

The report further declares there is no evidence that Rhodes intended to have the Pitsani force invade the transvaal uninvited, but that at the same time there was absence of peremptory command from Rhodes forbidding the raid. Rhodes and Harris, it is alleged, drafted the telegram containing the prohibitory command but the message was never dispatched.

In view of these facts the report says the committee cannot acquit Rhodes of responsibility. The report alleges that all funds for the raid were contributed by the British South Africa company with the knowledge of their London office, the money being afterwards refunded by Rhodes. Closing the committee says the conclusion is forced upon them that the conduct of Rhodes was not consistent with his duty as the premier of Cape Colony.

LOCAL NEWS.

UNIQUE ENTERTAINMENT.

An Exhibition and Entertainment to be Given by Blind People.

A number of talented young blind people from the Institute and Industrial Home for the Blind, at Hartford, Conn., will give an exhibition and entertainment in aid of that institution at the Congregational church, Wednesday evening, July 23. An amateur brass band and orchestra, and a club composed entirely of blind people will add variety to the program, and those who attend will enjoy a most pleasing entertainment and at the same time contribute to a worthy cause. One feature of the exhibition will be an illustration of the manner in which the blind read, write, transact business and keep their accounts.

When it is understood that this institution, which now accommodates between forty and fifty persons who are blind, is the result of the efforts of a few blind people to rescue their less fortunate fellows from a life of idle dependence and place them in a situation where by proper methods of instruction they are taught to become self-reliant and self-supporting, and that their lives at the institution are made happy and contented, every benevolent person and good citizen will take a kindly interest in their prosperity and will be glad by their patronage to encourage the work they have undertaken.

The party is traveling by trolley and will go as far north as the White mountains.

STILL IN EXISTENCE.

The Columbian Band is Not Disbanded. The Leader's Statement.

The following communication has been received at this office and it is very willingly printed:

NORTH ADAMS, July 24, 1896. Editor TRANSCRIPT:—Please give the following an insertion in your paper. I saw a notice in your last evening's edition relating to the formation of a new band, which I think reflects unfavorably upon the Columbian band. The Columbian band did not disband, but only got rid of several members. Only six members and not twelve, as stated, left the band in the recent trouble and I wish to state that the Columbian band is still in existence and can be found at the band rooms on State street.

P. Giglioli, Lea der.

Lost in the Woods.

A party of three girls, Misses Edith Underwood, Lillian Haynes and Bertha Hewitt, started Friday morning to go berrying. When but a short distance from their homes, which are in the vicinity of Kamp avenue and East Main street, they lost their way in the woods and wandered about for some time before getting out.

THE FIRST RAY OF SUNSHINE.

It Has Filled in Upon the Poor Man's Aspirations.

To the masses, heretofore, the possession of a library has been but a fond dream, the waking from which has been but disappointment. Halls of state, universities, palatial homes and occasionally the professional man's sanctum were the abode of such luxuries. The advent of the Encyclopedia Britannica, in its present state of perfection, at the price and on the easy terms, was the first ray of sunshine that filled in upon the poor man's aspirations. It is truly a library covering fully and actually all human knowledge. From a condensed encyclopaedia, for the convenience of people owning libraries, it has gone through nine revisions and, time being enlarged, until the present edition, completed in 1895, embraces twenty-five large quarto volumes a total of 28,000 pages, besides about 2,000 pages of supplemental matter written since 1890.

It is a happy union of encyclopaedia and library, for by the adoption of alphabetical contents and marginal references it is rendered the most available of encyclopaedias. Thus, in the history of a country, you can readily turn to the paragraph touching such points as mountains, rivers, lakes, productions, animals, birds, reptiles, races and tribes of mankind, etc., peculiar to that country. This system of classification extends to all manner of subjects treated.

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WAS BEING STARVED.

A Horse Poorly Fed and Hard Worked. The Case Examined.

James Robertson, an officer of the society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, received numerous complaints concerning the treatment of a horse owned by C. E. Madison, a fruit peddler, of Wesley's hill. He investigated the charges and found that the horse was not being properly fed. Madison claimed that the horse's teeth were bad and it would not eat. Dr. McDonnell examined the teeth and found them in good condition.

It was learned that the horse had been given nothing but wheat bran to eat, and yet Madison had required hard work and long-distance drives daily. That the horse was being starved to death, Mr. Robertson is confident, and he and Madison had an immediate understanding as to the care of the horse in the future.

PROPERTY RECOVERED.

The Theft at the Hodkins Residence was Committed by Children.

Captain Dineen has succeeded in locating the property which was stolen recently from the Hodkins residence on Summer street. He made a careful examination of the house and learned that the entrance was effected through a window in the rear.

He gave the case most of his time for half a day and his efforts were rewarded by his finding the mirrors and the center table which were stolen. The property was discovered in a tenement in the Clark block and the theft was believed to be the work of children. No arrests were made, as the stolen articles are recovered and a satisfactory explanation has been given.

ARRESTED FOR LARCENY.

A Stolen Valise Makes Business for the Police Friday Evening.

Captain Parrow arrested Patrick Conlin Friday evening at his home in the rear of the Union street school house on the charge of larceny. The complaint was made by Fred A. Foley of 65 Hathaway street. Mr. Palsifer drove into the stable yard in the rear of the Mansion house early in the evening and left his carriage there for a while. When he returned a valise which he had left in the carriage was missing and the police were immediately notified.

The valise contained order books and sample books such as are commonly used by a nurseryman, and were of no value to another, but worth about \$20 to Mr. Palsifer.

NOT MUCH BUSINESS.

The Work on the Highways is Being Satisfactorily Done.

The board of public works did not do much at the regular meeting Friday afternoon aside from auditing the usual number of bills and considering the customary complaints, which have become as regular as the meetings. The progress of the work being done on the highways was talked over with satisfaction.

Church street is being torn up just below the junction with Quincy street for the laying of a domestic sewer line. The curbing along Church street is being put in and the new walks will be laid within two weeks. The location of the new electric lights was settled at a meeting held this afternoon.

Free Lecture.

Dr. R. C. Flower of Boston gave a free lecture at the Columbian opera house Friday night on "The Health, Beauty and Happiness of Women." The weather was very inclement and the audience was small. The lecturer claimed everything which detracts from beauty under the head of disease and bore down heavily on the medical profession for its alleged ignorance and guess work. He said President Garfield was killed by the doctors and that no well man could take the treatment Garfield was subjected to and live three months. Dr. Flower severely condemned local examinations, predicting that they not only unnecessary but dangerous. He talked for an hour and a half or more and his audience was attentive and frequently amused.

ASSESSORS' BOOKS.

A Few Instructive Figures of Interest to Our Tax Payers.

REAL AND PERSONAL VALUATION.

A Very Substantial Gain Over Last Year. Big Increase in the Number of Polls. The Tax Rate. Other Facts of Interest.

The assessors have arrived at the valuation of property in North Adams, the number of polls and the tax rate for 1896, and a few figures from their books will be found of interest to all our citizens at this time.

The value of personal property is \$1,458,980, against \$1,279,750 in 1895—a gain of \$179,230.

Real estate, \$3,150,505, against \$2,851,105 in 1895—a gain of \$299,400.

This makes the total gain in the value of personal property and real estate over last year \$478,636. This is a very substantial increase, and in this connection it must be remembered that there has been removed from the list of taxable property the Sanford Blackinton residence, which has been presented to the city for a public library; the former residence of A. C. Houghton, which is now owned by the Young Men's Christian association; the city hall property; the Henry J. Whitney homestead on Holden street, now owned by the Grand Army Benevolent association; the normal school lot and land purchased for school house sites at Braytonville and Vesels street,—property which would have been assessed for at least \$70,000, so that to clearly show the increase in valuation \$70,000 must be added to the total gain given above. The large additions to the Ediphe and Beaver mills have helped substantially to swell the list of new taxable property.

The number of polls this year is 5,310, against 4,788 in 1895, a gain of 522.

The council voted to raise by taxation \$285,920, less the anticipated receipts, which amount to \$106,000, leaving \$180,920 to be actually raised by taxation. This makes a tax rate of \$22 on \$1,000, or \$19.80 in every case where the 10 per cent discount is saved by the payment of taxes on or before October 1. Last year the rate was \$23 on \$1000.

In 1895 only \$141,783 was raised, but the increase this year is partly due to the fact that the appropriations must cover the expenses of the city from the time the city government was inaugurated, January 8, to the 1st of next April, a period of fifteen months.

THE SUPERIOR COURT.

A Few Cases of Local Interest Were Disposed of Friday.

The following local cases were disposed of at the superior court Friday: William Allen, cheating by means of working a shell game, not guilty.

Michael Carulla, assault, house of correction for six months.

Fred Weismann, forgery, changed his plea to that of guilty and was finally released on probation. He said he was a Swiss, 23 years old, with wife and two small children who needed his care. He claimed to have been advised that it would be all right to sign another man's name to a check, because he expected the man to pay him money on account of insurance, and he could take it up.

The case of William Allen was up nearly four hours. Lawyer John E. Magnien appeared for the defendant and succeeded in getting an acquittal. The case was the first one that Mr. Magnien has ever had before a grand jury and his friends are much pleased with the result of his maiden effort.

Allen was the man arrested by Officer Jones on circus day for the alleged working of a shell game in the rear of the Richmond house. The prisoner testified in his own behalf and claimed he was only showing the game to Liverman Shaw. The jury was out but ten minutes and brought in a verdict of not guilty.

IN NEW QUARTERS.

The Sunday Democrat has a Good Office on Chestnut Street.

The Sunday Democrat has moved from its old quarters on Holden street into its new office on Chestnut street, in the new building erected and owned by Frank J. Barber. The new quarters were planned especially for a newspaper office and are admirably adapted to the purpose. The pressroom is in a shallow and well lighted basement with a cement floor, and the composing and editorial rooms and business office are on the floor above. The rooms are very conveniently arranged, well lighted and finished in hard pine. The office is supplied with electric lights and a new gas engine furnishes the power to run the press. The facilities for getting out a paper are far superior to those of the old office and the publishers have taken a wise step in making the change.

The two floors above the Democrat office will be used by Mr. Barber in his other business.

District Court.

The court calendar this morning contained the following cases: Napoleon Bascomb, continued case of disturbing the peace, discharged.

Patrick Conlin, larceny, sentenced to the house of correction for four months. James Nelligan, drunkenness, sentenced to the house of correction for three months. Nelligan was in court recently for non-support of his family. He was released on probation upon his promise to lead a different existence. He became more dissipated than ever and his wife's grandfather, Henry Sharp, entered the complaint against him.

Isador Ballant, continued case for cruelty to animals, continued until August 1.

WILD AZALIAS.

A Local Story of the War.

(By Angie Tower Curtis.)

At the base of the mountain and not far from that triumph of engineering skill, the famous Hoosac Tunnel, is a narrow country road that winds unevenly down to the valley below. On either side are stone walls and rail fences made picturesque by luxuriant vines of clematis and dense blackberry bushes, interspersed with slender white birches and wild sumach. A wide ridge of hills crowned with

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SUBURBAN NEWS.

Happenings of Interest in Our Neighbor Towns.

AT ADAMS TODAY.

The State Railroad Commissioners inspect the site of the proposed grade crossing at Murray Street-Opera House Improvements-Squire F. O. Sayles in a Critical Condition.

MURRAY STREET CROSSING.

State Commissioners, Railway Officials and Others Present.

The State railway commissioners, Dale and Bishop, accompanied by Attorney Hudson, consulting Engineer Gray, General Superintendent Wales, Mechanical Engineer E. E. Stone and General Passenger Agent Robinson, arrived in a special car early Friday afternoon to look over the Murray street crossing. Frank H. B. Munson represented the petitioners and showed up the plan of the grade approaches and distances. The elevation of the track is three feet, ten inches above Columbia street and four feet, three inches above Murray street. All the approaches are satisfactory. All that remains to be done now is to have the commissioners act upon the matter at their next regular meeting which will be held in Boston. Whatever the decision they will notify Mr. Munson and if the decision is favorable the county commissioners will lay out the crossing as soon afterwards as possible. Mr. Munson has a sectional view of the proposed crossing showing the distances, levels, etc., from actual measurements. There was a very large crowd present at the hearing. It is hoped that there will be a favorable result.

Squire Sayles Stricken.

Squire F. O. Sayles, the veteran lawyer, who is the oldest member of the Berkshire bar, was taken suddenly ill in Charles Burdick's grocery store on Park street Friday afternoon. He is 87 years old and has been feeble a long time and his attack Friday afternoon came in the way of a fainting spell. He was taken home and had medical attendance at once. All night he was in a critical condition and his death is momentarily expected today.

At the Opera House.

Scene Painter Hoyest of Troy has finished his work at the opera house making new scenes and touching up some of the old ones. He has made a great change in the appearance of the house. The scenes are all up-to-date and the ideas have been skillfully carried out. There is also a new curtain. The wood work about the front of the stage and around the sides of the lower part of the hall will be repainted.

Max, the seven-month-old son of Henry and Bertha Warner, died at his home on Summer street this morning and will be buried at 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon.

The J. S. Adams baseball nine drove to Berlin, N. Y., today in one of Follett's busses to play the nine of that town.

H. J. Bishop & Co. have finished the Berkshire company's new office and were to turn it over to the company today.

A new sidewalk has been laid on Haybert avenue at Zytolite.

George Wilsey, motorman on the electric road, is sick. Patrick O'Brien is working in his place.

Miss Euphemis Kershaw's condition today is critical.

Henry Brock comes from New York this morning.

Robert Groves has gotten through as watchman at the Renfrew mill and is succeeded by Thomas Burk.

H. R. Fiddler will lead Sunday evening's Epworth league meeting at Trinity Methodist church on this topic: "The Tribulations and Encouragements of the Disciples."

The new 1st walk has been laid on Park street.

The Caledonian club is arranging a list of sports for the field day to be held on the ground Labor day. There will be a ball game, probably between Renfrew and Blackinton, races, jumping, etc. If things turn out as the committee expects there will probably be a parade.

Hoosac Valley lodge, of Odd Fellows will work the second degree on several candidates Wednesday evening.

The school committee has examined several candidates for the office of school superintendent to succeed W. P. Beckwith.

A son was born Thursday to Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Jepson.

St. Thomas lawn party was postponed Friday evening on account of the rain.

Adams lodge of the Mutual Workmen's Sick and Death Benefit association will hold its regular meeting Sunday morning.

Wanted.—Two reliable men to collect and canvass. Good salaries to right parties. References and bonds required. Inquire of P. J. Stanton, Room 8, Collins block.

W. C. Phillips, who resides next door to the Methodist church, does good work as a painter and paper hanger. The number of his post office box is 522.

Joseph Martin died suddenly today. He was on the street yesterday as well as usual and was sick but a short time. He was about 75 years old. He leaves a wife and daughter, Mrs. Thomas Willspeak.

Miss Nellie Baker has gone to Washington, Mass., for a few days.

George Burgle of Lanesboro is taking the agricultural census of the town.

The school committee met Monday evening for the purpose of making up the deficiencies and investigation of teachers.

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